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SUMMARY: PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS RETURNING FROM GRENADA REPORT
OPPOSITION DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED TODAY. ANGLICAN BISHOP
REPORTS ON VISIT TO GRENADA. CHURCH GROUP OFFERS TO MEDIATE.

1. FOUR PCVS LEFT GRENADA TODAY (JAN 26) BY LIAT FOR BARBADOS
BECAUSE FOOD SUPPLIES RUNNING SHORT, LAW AND ORDER DETERIORATING,
AND PROSPECTS OF VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY DESCRIBE TOWNS
OF ST GEORGES, GRENVILLE AND SAUTEURS IN SHAMBLES, WITH LAW
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AND ORDER VIRTUALLY NON EXISTENT AND POLICE HELPING LOOTERS

OVER PAST FEW DAYS. THEY REPORT SHOTS HEARD IN ST GEORGES AND GRENVILLE AREAS BOTH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS. THEY SAY NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT HAS CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY, ASKING MEN TO LEAVE THEIR WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEHIND.

2. PRESS TODAY REPORTS INTERVIEW IN ST VINCENT WITH ANGLICAN BISHOP OF WINDWARD ISLANDS, G.C.M. WOODROFFE, A GRENADIAN, WHO VISITED GRENADA BEGINNING JAN 22 FOLLOWING CLASHES JAN 21. ACCORDING WOODROFFE, GAIRY'S GOVERNMENT AND ITS OPPONENTS SEEMED IN HEAD ON CONFRONTATION, AND GRENADA MAY WELL BE ON BRINK OF BLOODY CIVIL WAR. HE SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE LITTLE HOPE OF CONCILIATION SINCE "THE DIVISIONS AND CLEAVAGES IN THE SOCIETY ARE TOO WIDE AND DEEP." WOODROFFE SAID HE DID NOT CONSIDER ANGLICAN CHURCH'S MEMBERSHIP IN COMMITTEE OF 22 MEANT INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ACTION OF BRINGING DOWN GOG, AS ALLEGED, SINCE CHURCH IS "COMMITTED BY ITS VERY NATURE TO STAND UP FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE AND LIBERATION FROM ANY KIND OF FORCE WHATEVER THAT MAKES THESE HALLOWED HUMAN RIGHTS INSECURE." HE DESCRIBED "MERCILESS LOOTING TO THE POINT OF DESTRUCTION OF SEVERAL BUSINESS HOUSES IN ST GEORGE'S AND IN GRENVILLE. THIS PHENOMENON WAS MADE SADDER STILL BY THE FACT THAT THE ARMS OF THE LAW SEEMED POWERLESS IN THE EXTREME TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION." WOODROFFE SAID HE SAW LOOTING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AND AT NO TIME DID POLICE INTERVENE. HE APPEALED TO ALL PARTIES IN GRENADA TO ACCEPT WITH SPEED SERVICES OF ANY RECONCILING AGENT SUCH AS CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (CCC) SEEMED READY TO OFFER.

3. BARBADOS ADVOCATE NEWS TODAY REPORTS THAT WELL INFORMED SOURCES SAY GAIRY HAS ACCEPTED CCC PROPOSAL THAT CCC TEAM MADE UP OF FOUR MEMBERS (CLERGYMAN, POLITICIAN, TRADE UNIONIST, AND UNIVERSITY LECTURER FROM JAMAICA, TRINIDAD, GUYANA AND ST VINCENT) SEEK PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO GRENADA IMPASSE. COMMITTEE OF 22'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS OFFER NOT YET KNOWN. CCC TEAM WOULD ADDRESS FOUR DEMANDS MADE BY COMMITTEE OF 22: A) THAT PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, B) THAT SENIOR POLICE OFFICER BE SUSPENDED AND CHARGED FOR HIS ALLEGED PART IN POLICE BRUTALITY, C) THAT IRREGULAR POLICE AIDES BE DISARMED, AND D) THAT

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